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Admiralty-Office, September 3, 1799.

LIEUTENANT COLLIER, of His Majesty's Ship Isis, arrived this Day with Dispatches from Vice-Admiral Mitchell to Evan Nepean, Esq. Secretary of the Admiralty, of which the following are Copies:

Isis, at Anchor at the Red Buoy, near the
SIR, *Vleiter, August 30, 1799, Two P. M.*

I HAVE the very great Satisfaction to acquaint you, for the Information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the Whole of the Dutch Fleet near the Vleiter surrendered to the Squadron under my Command without firing a Gun, agreeable to a Summons I sent this Morning. The Dutch Squadron was to be held for the Orders of His Serene Highness the Prince of Orange, and the Orders I may receive from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty for my farther Proceedings.

I have the Honor to be, Sir, &c. &c.

(Signed) A. MITCHELL.

Evan Nepean, Esq.

Isis, at Anchor at the Red Buoy near
SIR, *the Vleiter, August 31, 1799.*

IT blowing strong from the South West, and also the Flood Tide, I could not send away my short Letter of last Night; I therefore have, in Addition, to request you will lay before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that on the Morning of Yesterday I got the Squadron under Weigh at Five o'Clock, and immediately formed the Line of Battle, and to prepare for Battle.

In running in, Two of the Line of Battle Ships, Ratvisan and America, and the Latona Frigate, took the Ground. We passed the Helder Point and Mars Diep, and continued our Course along the Texel in the Channel that leads to the Vleiter, the Dutch Squadron laying at Anchor in a Line at the Red Buoy in the East-South-East Course.

The Latona Frigate got off and joined me; but as the Two Line of Battle Ships did not, I closed the Line. About Half Past Ten I sent Captain Rennie of the Victor with a Summons to the Dutch Admiral, as it was Lord Duncan's Wish that I should do so; and in her Way she picked up a Flag of Truce with Two Dutch Captains from the Dutch Admiral to me. Captain Rennie very properly brought them on board, and from a Conversation of a few Minutes I was induced to anchor in a Line, a short Distance from the Dutch Squadron, at their earnest Request. They returned with my positive Orders not to alter the Position of the Ships, nor do any Thing whatsoever to them, and in One Hour to submit, or take the Consequences.

In less than the Time they returned with a verbal Answer, that they submitted according to the Summons, and should consider themselves (the Officers) on Parole, until I heard from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Prince of Orange, for my farther Proceedings.

I have now the Honor to encloſe you herewith the Line of Battle in which the Squadron advanced, a Copy of my Summons to the Dutch Admiral, and alſo a Liſt of the Dutch Fleet.

Admiral Story's Flag is down, and I have ſent an Officer on board each of his Ships to have an Eye over and the Charge of them, as they themſelves requeſted that it ſhould be ſo.

I have alſo furniſhed them with the Prince of Orange's Standard, many of them not having had it before, and they are now all under theſe Colours.

To maintain Quiet among their Crews, I iſſued a ſhort Manifeſto, of which I alſo encloſe a Copy herewith.

The animated Exertions and Conduct of the whole Squadron are far above any Praiſe I can beſtow on them; but I ſhall ever feel moſt ſenſibly impreſſed on my Heart their ſpirited Conduct during the whole of this Buſineſs. We have all felt the ſame Zeal for the Honor of our Sovereign and our Country; and although the Concluſion has not turned out as we expected, yet the Merit I may ſay, in ſome Meaſure, is ſtill not the leſs due to my Squadron; and if I had brought them to Action I truſt it would have added another Laurel to the Navy of England in this preſent War. The Dutch were aſtoniſhed and thunderſtruck at the Approach of our Squadron, never believing it poſſible that we could ſo ſoon have laid down the Buoys and led down to them in Line of Battle in a Channel where they themſelves go through but with One or Two Ships at a Time.

I have ſent Lieutenant Collier with theſe Diſpatches, who will give their Lordſhips every Information, as he has been employed in the Whole of the Communication with the Dutch Squadron and was alſo on Shore with me as my Aide-du-Camp on the Day of Landing.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

A. MITCHELL.

P. S. Since writing the above I received the Dutch Admiral's Anſwer in Writing, which I encloſe herewith.

LINE OF BATTLE,

at Noon, Auguſt 30, 1799.

Glatton, Captain Charles Cobb, 54 Guns, 343 Men.

Romney, Captain John Lawford, 50 Guns, 343 Men.

Iſis, Vice-Admiral Mitchell, Captain James Oughton, 50 Guns, 343 Men.

Veteran, Captain A. C. Dickſon, 64 Guns, 491 Men.

Ardent, Captain T. Bertie, 64 Guns, 491 Men.

Belliqueux, Captain R. Bulteel, 64 Guns, 491 Men.

Monmouth, Captain George Hart, 64 Guns, 491 Men.

Overyſſel, Captain J. Bazeley, 64 Guns, 491 Men.

Miſſiſſoff, Captain A. Moller, 66 Guns, 672 Men.

Melpomene, *Latona*, *Shannon*, *Juno*, and *Lutine* Frigates.

Given on board the Iſis in the Vleider Channel, Auguſt 30, 1799.

A. MITCHELL.

To —— Captain of His Majeſty's Ship the —— by Command of the Vice-Admiral.

Iſis, under Sail in Line of Battle,
Auguſt 30, 1799.

SIR,

I DESIRE you will inſtantly hoiſt the Flag of His Serene Highneſs the Prince of Orange. If you do, you will be immediately conſidered as Friends of the King of Great Britain, my moſt gracious Sovereign, otherwiſe take the Conſequences. Painful it will be to me for the Loſs of Blood it may occaſion, but the Guilt will be on your own Head.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) ANDREW MITCHELL,

Vice-Admiral and Commander in Chief of His Majeſty's Ships employed on the preſent Expedition.

To Rear-Admiral Story, or the Commander in Chief of the Dutch Squadron.

A Liſt of the Dutch Squadron taken Poſſeſſion of in the Texel by Vice-Admiral Mitchell, Auguſt 30, 1799.

Waſhington, Rear-Admiral Story, Captain Capelle, 74 Guns.

Gelderland, Captain Waldeck, 68 Guns.

Admiral de Ruyter, Captain Huijs, 68 Guns.

Utrecht, Captain Kolf, 68 Guns.

Cerberus, Captain De Jong, 68 Guns.

Leyden, Captain Van Braam, 68 Guns.

Beſchermer, Captain Eilbracht, 54 Guns.

Batavier, Captain Van Senden, 54 Guns; under the Vleiter.

Amphitrite, Captain Schutter, 44 Guns; under the Vleiter.

Mars, Captain De Bock, 44 Guns.

Ambuſcade, Captain Riverij, 32 Guns.

Galathea, Captain Droop, 16 Guns.

A. MITCHELL.

Iſis, Auguſt 30, 1799.

THE Underſigned, Vice-Admiral in the Service of His Majeſty the King of Great Britain, charged with the Execution of the Naval Part of the Expedition to reſtore the Stadtholder and the old and lawful Conſtitution of the Seven United Provinces guaranteed by His Majeſty, having agreed that in conſequence of the Summons to Rear-Admiral Story, the Ships, after hoiſting the Antient Colours will be conſidered as in the Service of the Allies of the Britiſh Crown, and under the Orders of His Serene Highneſs the Hereditary Stadtholder, Captain and Admiral General of the Seven United Provinces, has thought it proper to give an Account of this Agreement to the brave Crews of the different Ships, and to ſummon them by the ſame to behave in a peaceable and orderly Manner, ſo that no Complaints may be repreſented by the Officer the Underſigned will ſend on board of each of the Ships to keep proper Order, until the Intentions of His Majeſty, and His Serene Highneſs the Prince of Orange, as Admiral General, ſhall be known, for the farther Deſtination of theſe Ships, on Account of which Diſpatches will be immediately ſent off. And to make them aware, that in caſe their Conduct ſhould not be ſo as may be expected from the known Loyalty and Attachment of the Dutch Navy to the Illuſtrious Houſe of Orange on this Occaſion, any Exceſs or Irregularity will be puniſhed with the Severity which the Diſorders may have been committed merit.

(Signed) ANDREW MITCHELL.

On board the Waſhington, anchored under the Vleiter, 30*th Auguſt*, 1799.

ADMIRAL,

NEITHER your Superiority nor the Threat that the ſpilling of Human Blood ſhould be laid to my Account, could prevent my ſhewing you to the laſt Moment what I could do for my Sovereign, whom I acknowledge to be no other than the Batavian People and its Repreſentatives, when your Prince's and the Orange Flags have obtained their End. The Traitors whom I commanded refuſed to fight; and nothing remains to me and my brave Officers but vain Rage and the dreadful Reflection of our preſent Situation: I therefore deliver over to you the Fleet which I commanded. From this Moment it is your Obligation to provide for the Safety of my Officers, and the few brave Men who are on board the Batavian Ships, as I declare myſelf and my Officers Priſoners of War, and remain to be conſidered as ſuch.

I am with Reſpect,

S. STORY.

To Admiral Mitchell, commanding His Britannic Majeſty's Squadron in the Texel.

Iſis, at Anchor at the Red Buoy, near the Vleiter, Auguſt 31, 1799.

SIR,

SINCE my Letter of the 29th by Captain Oughton, I received a Letter from Captain Winthrop of the Circe, containing a more particular Account of the Men of War, &c. taken Poſſeſſion of in the New Diep, than I had then in my Power to ſend, of which you will receive a Copy herewith for the Information of my Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty.

I have the Honor, &c.

A. MITCHELL.

Evan Nepean, Eſq.

Helder, Auguſt 28, 1799.

SIR,

I Have the Honor to inform you that I this Morning took Poſſeſſion of the New Diep, with the Ships and Veſſels undermentioned, and alſo of the Naval Arſenal containing Ninety-five Pieces of Ordnance. A Copy of the Naval Stores I will tranſmit you as ſoon as it can be made out.

I have the Honor, &c.

R. WINTHROP.

Urwachten,	66 Guns.
Broederſchop,	54 Guns.
Hector,	44 Guns.
Diuffee,	44 Guns.
Expedition,	44 Guns.
Conſtitutie,	44 Guns.
Bell Antionette,	44 Guns.
Unie,	44 Guns.
Helder,	32 Guns.
Follock,	24 Guns.
Minerva,	24 Guns.
Venus,	24 Guns.
Alarm,	24 Guns.

Dreighlerlahn, Howda, Vreedeluſt, Indiamen: And a Sheer Hulk.

Andrew Mitchell, Eſq.

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